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Status of Contract Awards for Turkey Breast Deli Products Scheduled for October 30th and November 15th Deliveries

Our Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has informed us that the prices for Turkey Breast Deli and Deli Smoke products are extremely high. We did not award any contracts for October 30th and November 15th deliveries.

AMS is doing everything possible to award these contracts. We will be going out again next week (i.e., October 6-10, 2003) with another invitation for 37 trucks of Turkey Breast Deli and 5 trucks of Turkey Breast Deli Smoke to be delivered November 30th. This invitation will pick up all orders that have not been purchased from the October 30 ship date through the November 30th ship date. If the prices have dropped, we will try to purchase all the orders. If a State wants an order deleted because of this delay, please let me know ASAP, and I will delete the order.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but again the prices are extremely high. If you have any questions, please email to Jackie Berry at: <u>Jackie Berry@fns.usda.gov</u>. Thanks again for visiting the site! And remember, a list of USDA food ordering contacts is also posted on the FOCUS website at: www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/focus/focus-contacts.htm.